

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed December 21, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 14, 23, 30, and 31 contained allowable subject matter. Such indication is appreciated. This response is intended to place this application in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 10 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 14. Accordingly, claim 10 and all claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also amended claim 22 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 23. Accordingly, claim 22 and all claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new claims 33 and 34 incorporating the subject matter of allowable claim 30 and claim 10, and claims 31 and claim 10, respectively.

In regard to claim 1, Applicant has incorporated subject matter from allowable claim 14. Applicant believes that at least the limitations which prompted the Examiner to indicate claim 14 as allowable are now recited in claim 1. Due to the interrelation between claim 1 and claim 10, and because claims already depending from claim 1 (such as claims 5 and 8) recite related concepts, Applicant believes that the present amendment does not necessitate additional searching or consideration. Therefore, Applicant believes that such amendment places claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom in condition for allowance.

It is noted that Applicant is submitting these amendments to place this case in condition for allowance, but Applicant maintains that the claims previously defined over the art of record, as previously set forth. For example, Applicant believes that the art of record does not teach or suggest the subject matter of claim 22 as a whole in that the art of record does not teach or suggest a computer that is caused to “display a graphical user interface configured to facilitate user activation of a disabled option resident on a medical imaging device by a user remote from the medical imaging device” and to “receive a number of user inputs” from the user who is remote from the medical imaging device, as claimed. Steinmetz et al. does not disclose that a user seeking to re-configure an ATM machine may request an authorization key from any device but the ATM machine itself - in which case the user is not “remote” from the machine. See *Steinmetz et al.*, Col. 8, Ins. 41-45 (“...each ATM is operative to communicate with the configuration application server 40 to retrieve the configuration rules associated with the ATM. Each ATM is then enabled to be configured...”). Similarly, a user of the system of Whigham et al. must only logically be at the vending machine in order to choose a product and receive the product. *Whigham et al.*, Col. 5, Ins. 57-60; Col. 7, Ins. 31-36. Therefore, the user is not remote

of the vending machine. Fenstermaker et al. is simply silent as to exactly how or where a user would initiate a request for additional features.

Applicant has cancelled claims 17-21.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-32. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Applicant hereby authorizes charging of Deposit Account No. 50-2402 for any additional fees associated with entering the aforementioned claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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